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SCHOOL REPORT.

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

The schools in town the past year have been generally successful. As our schools have grown smaller than formerly, common interest in them has perhaps diminished to some extent, but parents at least are generally in earnest, to provide adequate and practical facilities for the education of their children, and others in the town have shown a commendable interest, the past year. In three of the districts both terms were taught by the same teacher, viz.: Nos. 1, 5, and 6.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.—The school in district No. 1, was taught by Miss Emma J. Nahor of Peterboro and continued seven weeks.

Whole number of different pupils attending school two weeks or more, thirty. Average attendance, 29.12, average daily attendance, 29.042. Thirty attended to reading, twenty to penmanship, twenty-four to arithmetic, thirteen to geography, eight to grammar, two to history, five to physiology and four to composition. Miss Nahor is a first class teacher of large experience, and infused a good degree of enthusiasm in her pupils at the commencement of the term, which was maintained to the close. The appearance of the school at its close, fully justified the remark of my predecessor in office, that a short term by a good teacher is better than a long one with a poor teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Teacher, Miss Susie E. Adams of Concord, N. H. Length of school, in weeks, 8. Whole number of scholars attending two weeks, thirty-three. Average number belonging to the school, thirty-one, average daily attendance, 29.54. Miss Adams had not an extensive experience in teaching, but exerted herself commendably in exciting the interest of her pupils.

The examination at the close of the term, proved it had been measurably successful.

DISTRICT No. 3.—The school in this district was taught by Miss Sarah E. Osgood of Nelson and was continued eight weeks.

Whole number of scholars, nine. Average number belonging to the school, 8.11, average daily attendance, 7.11. Attending to reading nine, penmanship nine, arithmetic eight, geography six, grammar two, physiology one.

This teacher had considerable previous experience in teaching, and with good success. She spared no pains in endeavoring to interest the scholars in their studies and was in a good degree successful.

DISTRICT No. 4.—The school in this district was taught by Miss Nellie U. Burpee of East Sullivan, and continued 7.4 weeks.

Whole number pupils, 8. Average number of pupils belonging to this school, 7.08, average daily attendance, 7.95. Number attending to reading eight, penmanship eight, arithmetic eight, geography six, grammar one, physiology one.

Miss Burpee has had considerable experience in teaching and is generally successful. As evidence of her fitness for a teacher's work it may be stated she was employed in this district for seven different terms.

Particular attention was given to penmanship with good results.

DISTRICT No. 5.—The school in this district was taught by Miss Luzetta S. Devaul of Keene, N. H., and continued

eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, nine. Average number belonging to the school, nine. Average daily attendance, 8.75, attending to reading nine, penmanship three, arithmetic seven, geography three, history two, physiology two.

Miss Devaul had not taught school previous to this term, but succeeded in awakening a good interest in the minds of her pupils, relative to their studies, which was well sustained through the term.

DISTRICT No. 6.—The school in this district was taught by Mrs. M. Jennie Beal of Nelson. Whole number of pupils, eleven. Average number belonging to the school, 9.95. Average daily attendance, 8.70. Attending to reading eleven, penmanship five, arithmetic ten, geography eight, grammar four, composition five, physiology one. Mrs. Beal has had previous experience in teaching and had quite a successful term. Several of her scholars had attended school but little before and showed marked and rapid improvement, during the term. Thorough drilling of the younger scholars in arithmetic gave them a good idea of the first rules in that science.

WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.—The term in district number one was taught by the same teacher as the summer and was in all respects an excellent school; length twelve weeks.

Whole number of scholars, thirty-two. Average number belonging to the school, 31. Average daily attendance, 28.83. Attending to reading 32, penmanship 20, arithmetic 25, geography 16, grammar 8, history 2, composition 20, physiology 20, book-keeping 2, algebra 1. The classes in arithmetic went over a good amount of ground and were required to be thorough. The class in parsing, chose sides as a rule, thus adding to the interest of what is thought by some, a dry and uninteresting subject. It was fortunate for the district

that the services of Miss Nahor were secured to finish up, as it were, in the second term, what had been so well begun in the first.

DISTRICT No. 2.—The term was taught by Miss Vincent E. Shea of Greenland, N. H., and continued 17 weeks.

Whole number of scholars, 38. Average number belonging to the school, 34.71. Average daily attendance, 36.4. Attending to reading 38, penmanship 34, arithmetic 38, geography 14, grammar 12, history 15, composition 24, physiology 7, algebra 3.

Miss Shea was a graduate of the State Normal school, and although not having much experience proved well adapted to her work, and taught a very successful school. Owing to the great length of the term, there seemed a slight falling off in interest at the last of the term on the part of some of the smaller scholars.

DISTRICT No. 3.—The winter term was taught by Miss Mary S. Ellinwood of Deering, and continued eleven weeks.

Whole number scholars, eight. Average number belonging to the school, 6.9. Average daily attendance, 5.5.

Number attending to reading eight, penmanship 6, arithmetic six, geography four, grammar two, history one, composition one, physiology two.

DISTRICT No. 4.—The winter term was taught by Miss Susie E. Adams who taught the summer term in No. 2, and continued eleven weeks.

Whole number of scholars, 13. Average number belonging to the school, 10.70. Average daily attendance, 9.5.

Number attending to reading 12, penmanship 12, arithmetic 12, geography 7, grammar 1, composition 6, algebra 1.

Miss Adams endeavored to interest her pupils in their studies and taught a successful school.

DISTRICT No. 5.—This term was taught by Miss Luzetta S. Devaul who taught the summer term, and continued ten weeks.

Whole number of scholars, 15. Average number belonging to the school, 15. Average daily attendance, 12.5.

Number attending to reading 15, penmanship 5, arithmetic 15, geography 4, composition 6, physiology 2.

For some reason, to the committee unknown, the interest manifested by the pupils, in their studies, was not as great as during the previous term. This was particularly the case with the smaller scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6.—This term was taught by the teacher of the summer term, Mrs. M. J. Beal, and continued ten weeks.

Whole number scholars, 14. Average number belonging to the school, 11.4. Average daily attendance, 15.61.

Number attending to reading 14, penmanship 7, arithmetic 11, geography 7, grammar 2, composition 5, physiology 4.

Owing to sickness, the term toward the close was much broken up by irregular attendance and the school did not make the improvement it would otherwise have done. What few pupils were present at the close of the term showed good improvement.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SUMMER.

No. 1.—Hattie Farwell, Lizzie A. Osgood, Annie M. Osgood, Caddie Beal, Della Ruffle, Hattie Cowan, Bertha Cowan, Mabel Patrick, Flossie Osgood, Delia Gothier, Zelda Gothier, Georgie Farwell, Georgie Osgood, Willie Osgood, Eddie Beal, Oscar Holmes, Carroll Osgood.

No. 2.—Walter Barrett, Bertie Barrett, Fred Brown, Oscar Beverstock, Leslie Beverstock, Charlie Beverstock, Fred Fisher, Bertie Holt, Lottie Messenger, Maud Robbins, Harry Robbins, Alfred Barrett, Fannie Hardy.

No. 3.—Alice Rowe, Edna Stevens.

No. 4.—Bertie Wilder, Lida L. Davis, Althea Page, Katie Page.

No. 5.—Elwidge Brooks, Clara Brown, Nettie Carroll, Della Smith, John Collins, Dennis Collins.

No. 6.—Nora Stevens, Susie Stevens, Mabel Stevens, Abbie Bailey, Minnie Bailey, Lena Bailey, Bertie Crocker.

WINTER.

No. 1.—Caddie Beal, Flossie Osgood, Della Ruffle, Georgie Atwood, Eddie Beal, Roger Dunlap, Georgie Osgood.

No. 2.—Alfred Barrett, Charlie Beverstock, Leslie Beverstock, Eva Holt, Fred Tarbox.

No. 3.—None reported.

No. 4.—Katie Page, Althea Page, Bertie W. Wilder, Frank Taylor.

No. 5.—Elwidge Brooks, Clara Brown.

No. 6.—Lena M. Bailey.

REMARKS.

One drawback to the efficiency of our schools is irregular attendance. I believe that has been less the past year than some previous ones. It should always be borne in mind that good schools depend on the co-operation of parents, scholars and teacher. Given these conditions, the school can hardly be a failure. If they are wanting, the value of the school will be impaired if not destroyed. As this is the last year for schools under the old, or district system or supposed to be for the present, it is to be hoped the new law will have a fair trial and that the best teachers will be secured and as the board of education is to select all the teach-

ers, I hope none will be employed mainly for fear of offending somebody, or mainly out of spite to somebody.

It looks reasonable to suppose that under the new law it will be practicable to procure better teachers than under the old, which will be a great advantage. The law was, no doubt, passed with good intentions and should have the benefit of a fair trial.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. OSGOOD, } Superintending
School Committee.

Amount of money raised for schools, \$700

Amount of literary fund, 62

\$762

Whole number of scholars reported by the selectmen, 96.

Amount per capita for each scholar if equally distributed,
\$7 15-16.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the Town, for the year ending March 1st, 1886.

The invoice of April 1st, 1885, was as follows :

Number of Polls, 96.	Value	\$ 9,600 00
“ “ Horses, 87,	“	6,641 00
“ “ Oxen, 30,	“	1,861 00
“ “ Cows, 131,	“	3,650 00
“ “ Neat Stock, 73,	“	1,551 00
“ “ Sheep, 150 , 510.	“	1,237 00
“ “ Carriages, 4,	“	310 00
Money at Interest, —		6,223 00
Stock in Trade,		1,825 00
Mills and Factories,		5,675 00
Real Estate,		109,381 00

\$147,954 00

No. of Dogs, 24. Amount of Tax, 26 00

Rate per cent. on \$100, \$1.73.

LIABILITIES.

Note held against the town, \$1,800 00

ASSETS.

Due from the County,	\$ 13 00
Cash in the Treasury,	475 18
Uncollected Taxes of 1885,	552 56
Uncollected Taxes of 1883,	2 90
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	\$1,043 64
Literary money in Treasury for 1886,	68 32
Money due Munsonville District,	17 99

THADDEUS W. BARKER,	} Selectmen of Nelson.
MARCUS M. BAILEY,	
WINSLOW W. ATWOOD.	

I hereby certify that I have examined the Selectmen's report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT DAVIS, Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

DR.

Apr. 9, Received of County Treasurer,	\$30 05
July 7, " " Town "	30 00
Oct. 20, " " County "	35 93
1886.	
Jan. 12, " " Town "	13 00
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	\$188 98

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March 28, Paid Arvilla Holt,	\$ 1 50
April 4, " S. A. Green, goods furnished George Dore,	8 80
" 4, F. Taylor, provision furnished George Dore and family,	2 50

May 7,	F. Taylor, keeping three transient paupers,	2 25
June 17,	Paid Arvilla Holt,	5 00
July 7,	“ N. H. Asylum for Board, and clothing for Mrs. J. K. Mills,	34 70
“ 7,	F. Taylor Aid to George Dore and family,	8 00
Aug. 17,	Paid Arvilla Holt,	10 00
Oct. 17,	“ S. A. Green, goods delivered George Dore and family,	6 00
“ 19,	Paid Arvilla Holt,	6 00
Dec. 31,	N. H. Asylum, Board, Nursing, for Mrs. John K. Mills,	10 00
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Feb. 8,	Arvilla Holt,	14 00
	Postage on letters,	23
		<hr/> \$108 98

Respectfully submitted,

F. TAYLOR, Overseer of Poor.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT DAVIS, Auditor.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand March 1, 1885,	\$ 496 32
Received Savings Bank tax,	567 57
“ Literary fund,	68 32
“ V. C. Atwood, tax collector, 1885,	1853 81
“ “ “ “ “ 1884,	232 41
“ “ “ “ interest on taxes, 1884,	5 86

" C. A. Tarbox, tax of 1883,	2 88
" " " " interest "	37
" Selectmen, bounty on woodchucks, 1884,	19 70
" " " " " 1885,	12 20
" Dog tax and license,	9 75
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	\$3,269 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid prudential committee district No. 1,	\$165 67
" " " " " 2,	167 00
" " " " " 3,	104 91
" " " " " 4,	103 85
" " " " " 5,	87 34
" " " " " 6,	105 46
" " " of Harrisville,	9 90
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Total,	\$744 13

NOTE AND INTEREST.

Paid on Savings Bank note,	\$465 00
" interest " " "	135 90
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Total,	\$600 90

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid county tax,	\$238 25
" state "	344 00
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Total,	\$582 25

PAID OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Support of poor,	\$43 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Thaddeus Barker, services as selectman,	\$44 50
Marcus M. Bailey, " " "	28 00
Winslow W. Atwood, " " "	18 00
Frank K. Jewett, town clerk,	19 94
Varanus C. Atwood; collector,	30 00
George W. Osgood, prudential committee,	30 00
Frederick Taylor, treasurer,	8 00
" " " overseer of the poor,	5 00
Sidney A. Green, services as supervisor,	3 10
George W. Osgood, " " "	2 00
Charles A. Tarbox, " " sexton,	22 50
Henry D. Taylor, " " auditor,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$214 04

EXTRA LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

John Rutherford, care of road,	\$ 8 00
Orson Tolman,	4 30
Wellington Stoddard,	1 00
Dexter Tarbox,	2 00
Oscar D. Beverstock,	1 50
Charles A. Tarbox,	12 93
Noah W. Hardy,	5 67
Marcus M. Bailey,	9 70
Wilson Carroll,	5 00
	<hr/> \$50 10

BREAKING ROADS IN 1885 AND 1886.

Patrick Donahue,	\$ 8 55
Orson C. Tolman,	3 90
Wellington Stoddard,	9 07
James E. Ruffle,	2 02
Asaph G. Priest,	2 25
George W. Holt,	4 25
Henry Stevens,	2 55
N. R. Melville,	4 35
Charles A. Tarbox,	4 35
Noah W. Hardy,	5 36
G. H. Crocker,	4 91
Alfred W. Seaver,	2 25

Frank K. Jewett,	6 01
Marcus M. Bailey,	3 68
Parker Hart,	16 37
W. O. Upton,	1 20
Thomas Lahiff,	1 20
G. Vigneau,	2 25
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	\$84 82

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Orson C. Tolman,	\$11 40
Wellington Stoddard,	10 25
James E. Ruffle,	20 62
George W. Holt,	10 90
Henry D. Taylor,	15 00
Henry Stevens,	10 00
Charles A. Tarbox,	5 71
Noah W. Hardy,	34 90
Wilson L. Carroll,	22 35
Frank K. Jewett,	19 82
M. M. Bailey,	17 60
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	\$178 55

BRIDGE PLANK.

Orson C. Tolman,	\$ 2 35
Henry D. Taylor,	21 20
Oscar D. Beverstock,	17 62
Henry Stevens,	4 25
C. A. Tarbox, plank and labor,	12 11
John H. Osgood, " " timber,	45 53
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	\$103 06

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Woodbury & Howard, six caskets,	\$27 00
J. M. Dinsmore, recording births and deaths,	1 75
George Thatcher, scraper point,	1 50
W. Spalter, books, blank receipts, etc.,	1 85
J. Rutherford, damage to plow,	1 50
M. M. Bailey, preambulating town line,	3 00

Thaddeus Barker. “ “ “	3 00
“ “ expenses of getting scraper point,	1 00
“ “ “ getting plank to Rutherford's,	75
D. W. Rugg, for scraper,	45 00
J. H. Osgood, use of drills,	50
“ “ “ repairing scraper,	1 50
Thaddeus Barker, blanks, books, etc.,	4 57
“ “ bounty on woodchucks,	12 20
George W. Osgood, school books,	8 15
Sheep killed by dogs in 1884,	79 77
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	\$193 14

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Paid for schools,	\$744 13
Note and interest,	600 90
State and county tax,	582 25
Support of poor,	43 00
Town officers,	214 04
Extra labor on highway,	50 10
Breaking roads,	84 82
Highway surveyors,	178 55
Bridge plank,	103 06
Misellaneous expenses,	193 14
Cash on hand,	475 18
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	\$3,269 17

Respectfully submitted,

F. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT DAVIS, Auditor.

